

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

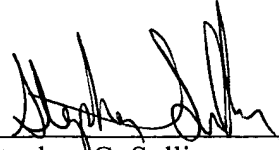
Claims 2, 3, 5, 10-11, 14, 16-19, and 22-24 are pending. This Amendment is being submitted in response to Advisory Action dated January 4, 2005 to cancel non-allowed claims 16-19, as requested by the Examiner. Claims 2, 3, 5, 10-11, 14, and 22-24 remain pending.

The Examiner indicated in Box 6 of the Advisory Action that claims 2, 3, 5, 10-11, 14 and 22-24 would be allowable if submitted in a separate amendment canceling the non-allowed claims. Box 7 of the Advisory Action indicated that claims 6-7, 10-11, and 16-19 were rejected. In response, claims 6-7 were previously canceled, and claims 16-19 have been canceled herein without prejudice. Attorney for Applicants believes that claim 10-11 are allowable because claim 10 was previously amended to include recitations similar to allowed claim 5, and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 5.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 2, 3, 5, 10-11, 14, and 22-24 are patentable over the cited reference. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims as now presented.

Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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